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: Examiner: Douglas Q. Tran
NOBUAKI MIYAHARA, et al.)
: Group Art Unit: 2624
Application No.: 09/314,123)
: Filed: May 19, 1999)
: For: PROCESSING OF)
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated March 16, 2004, the period for response to which having been extended to August 16, 2004 by the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time. Claims 1 to 16 are presented for examination, of which Claims 1, 6, 13 and 15 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectively requested.

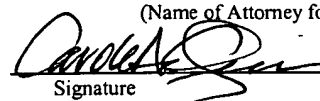
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Initially, Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 1 to 5.

Applicants' undersigned representative wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesies and thoughtful treatment afforded during the August 11, 2004 telephonic interview. This Response has been prepared in accordance with agreements reached during the interview, and accurately summarizes the content of the interview.

Claims 6 to 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,502,147 (Reilly) and U.S. Patent No. 6,493,408 (Kurogane). Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

During the interview, independent Claims 6, 13 and 15 were discussed. Specifically, it was agreed that neither Reilly nor Kurogane disclosed or suggested the feature of inputting a second instruction which indicates that the external device is to be informed of a result of a processing of the job or which indicates that the external device is not to be informed of a result of a processing of the job. Accordingly, independent Claims 6, 13 and 15 are believed to be allowable over the applied references.

The other claims in the application are each dependent from the independent claims and are believed to be allowable over the applied references for at least the same reasons. Because each dependent claim is deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual consideration of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

No other matters being raised, it is believed that the entire application is fully in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa,
California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to
our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

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